

§ 167g. Prosecution and punishment of offenses in Library buildings and grounds

Whoever violates any provision of sections 167a to 167e of this title, or of any regulation prescribed under section 167f of this title, commits a Class B misdemeanor, prosecution for such offenses to be had in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia upon information by the United States attorney or any of his assistants: *Provided*, That in any case where, in the commission of any such offense, public property is damaged in an amount exceeding \$100, the person commits a Class D felony.

(Aug. 4, 1950, ch. 561, § 8, 64 Stat. 412; July 8, 1963, Pub. L. 88-60, § 1, 77 Stat. 77; July 29, 1970, Pub. L. 91-358, § 111, 84 Stat. 473; Nov. 15, 1990, Pub. L. 101-562, § 3, 104 Stat. 2781.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-562 substituted “commits a Class B misdemeanor” for “shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both” and “the person commits a Class D felony” for “the period of imprisonment for the offense may not be more than five years”.

CHANGE OF NAME

“District of Columbia Court of General Sessions” substituted in text for “Municipal Court for the District of Columbia” pursuant to act Apr. 1, 1942, ch. 207, §§ 1, 4, 56 Stat. 190, 192, which consolidated into a single court powers and functions of Police Court of District of Columbia and Municipal Court of District of Columbia, and Pub. L. 87-873, § 1, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1171 and Pub. L. 88-60, § 1, July 8, 1963, 77 Stat. 77, which both redesignated the “Municipal Court for the District of Columbia” as the “District of Columbia Court of General Sessions”.

“District of Columbia Court of General Sessions” changed to “Superior Court of the District of Columbia” pursuant to Pub. L. 91-358, which provided that such change is effective the first day of the seventh calendar month which begins after July 29, 1970.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 167j of this title.

§ 167h. Jurisdiction of police within Library buildings, grounds, and adjacent streets

The police provided for in section 167 of this title shall have the power, within the Library of Congress buildings and grounds and adjacent streets, to enforce and make arrests for violations of any provision of sections 167a to 167e of this title, of any regulation prescribed under section 167f of this title, or of any law of the United States, any law of the District of Columbia, or of any State, or any regulation promulgated pursuant thereto: *Provided*, That the Metropolitan Police force of the District of Columbia are authorized to make arrests within the Library of Congress buildings and grounds for any violations of any such laws or regulations, but such authority shall not be construed as authorizing the Metropolitan Police force, except with the consent or upon the request of the Librarian of Congress or his assistants, to enter the Library of Congress buildings to make arrests in response to complaints or to serve warrants or to patrol the Library of Congress buildings or grounds.

(Aug. 4, 1950, ch. 561, § 9, 64 Stat. 412; Dec. 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, § 739(g)(9), 87 Stat.

829; Oct. 16, 1987, Pub. L. 100-135, § 1(b)(1), 101 Stat. 811.)

AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-135 substituted “The police” for “The special police”.

1973—Pub. L. 93-198 inserted reference to violations of any law of the District of Columbia.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-135 applicable with respect to pay periods beginning after Sept. 30, 1987, except that any pay increase for employees of Library of Congress, pursuant to such amendment, to be subject to appropriation and to be implemented in four approximately equal annual increments, so that pay parity with Capitol Police occurs beginning with first pay period beginning after Sept. 30, 1990, see section 3 of Pub. L. 100-135, set out as a note under section 167 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Section 771(e) of Pub. L. 93-198 provided that the amendment made by Pub. L. 93-198 is effective Jan. 2, 1975, if a majority of the registered qualified electors in the District of Columbia voting on the charter issue in the charter referendum accept the charter set out in Title IV of Pub. L. 93-198, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 785. The charter was approved by the voters on May 7, 1974.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 167j of this title.

§ 167i. Suspension of prohibitions against use of Library buildings and grounds

In order to permit the observance of authorized ceremonies within the Library of Congress buildings and grounds, the Librarian of Congress may suspend for such occasions so much of the prohibitions contained in sections 167a to 167e of this title as may be necessary for the occasion, but only if responsible officers shall have been appointed, and arrangements determined which are adequate, in the judgment of the Librarian, for the maintenance of suitable order and decorum in the proceedings, and for the protection of the Library buildings and grounds and of persons and property therein.

(Aug. 4, 1950, ch. 561, § 10, 64 Stat. 412.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 167j of this title.

§ 167j. Area comprising Library of Congress grounds; “buildings and grounds” defined

(a) For the purposes of sections 167 to 167j of this title the Library of Congress grounds shall be held to extend to the line of the face of the east curb of First Street Southeast, between B Street Southeast and East Capitol Street; to the line of the face of the south curb of East Capitol Street, between First Street Southeast and Second Street Southeast; to the line of the face of the west curb of Second Street Southeast, between East Capitol Street and B Street Southeast; to the line of the face of the north curb of B Street Southeast, between First Street Southeast and Second Street Southeast; and to the line of the face of the east curb of Second Street Southeast, between Pennsylvania Avenue Southeast and the north side of the alley separating the Library Annex Building and the